

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 567

By Hill

A RESOLUTION to designate January 22-28, 2012, as "Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Week" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, nurse anesthetists were the first professional group to provide anesthesia in the United States and are the oldest recognized group of advanced practice registered nurse specialists; and

WHEREAS, certified registered nurse anesthetists are essential to Tennessee's health care system, having provided high-quality, cost-effective anesthesia care for more than 100 years; and

WHEREAS, certified nurse anesthetists are anesthesia specialists who administered thirty-two million anesthetics last year; and

WHEREAS, certified nurse anesthetists are the sole anesthesia providers in thirty-nine of Tennessee's ninety-five counties, providing patients with obstetrical, surgical, and trauma stabilization services; and

WHEREAS, certified registered nurse anesthetists practice in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered, including traditional hospital surgical suites and obstetrical delivery rooms; critical access hospitals; ambulatory surgical centers; the offices of dentists, podiatrists, ophthalmologists, and plastic surgeons; and United States military, public health services, and veterans administration health care facilities; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that January 22-28, 2012, be declared "Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Week" in the State of Tennessee and that certified registered nurse anesthetists be honored

and recognized as outstanding health care professionals and that they be thanked for their dedication, contributions, and commitment to improving the quality of care in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.